

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2005 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 75 fires reported. No new large fires were reported. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Eastern and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California and Nevada.

A Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas. Three Area Command Teams are assigned (Ribar, Zimmerman and Rounsaville). A fourth Area Command Team (Williams-Rhodes) has been ordered.

Ribar's Team is located at Foley, AL, and is providing coordination for FEMA Region IV. Zimmerman's Team is located at the Louisiana Emergency Operations Center in Baton Rouge, LA and is coordinating relief operations in Louisiana (FEMA Region VI). Rounsaville's Team is assigned to the Austin Mobilization Center and is coordinating relief operations for Hurricane Rita in Texas (FEMA Region VI). The Marietta Mobilization Center in Marietta, Georgia continues to house and in-brief Incident Management Teams and other resources prior to assignment.

A link to a map with resources mobilized for hurricane response is located at http://gacc.nifc.gov/sacc/predictive/intelligence/Resource_Map.pdf.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

HURRICANE KATRINA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Emergency Support Function (ESF) #4 at the state Emergency Operations Centers in Jackson, MS, Baton Rouge, LA, and Austin, TX are staffed.

A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Krugman) is managing the Jackson Support Base in the New Orleans French Quarter and supporting several satellite camps in southern Louisiana.

Eight Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Dave Johnson, Larsen, Goheen, West, Allen Johnson, Houseman, Cowin (Kusicko) and Whalen) are assigned. An additional Type 2 Incident Management Team (Carlson) has been ordered.

Dave Johnson: managing a base camp at the Naval Construction Battalion Center at Gulfport, MS.

Larsen: managing the Holy Cross Base Camp under a unified command with New Orleans Fire Department and other fire departments, and is providing fire and emergency response to the City of New Orleans. The team is continuing to provide support to the St. Gabriel Mortuary Support Camp at St. Gabriel, LA.

Goheen: managing a mobilization center and base camp at Camp Beauregard, near Pineville, LA.

West: managing a staging area and providing logistical support at Saints Support Base Camp in New Orleans. Demobilization is tentatively planned for 10/9.

Allen Johnson: managing five points of distribution in Hancock County from a base camp at Stennis Space Center, MS.

Houseman: assigned at Hammond, LA, assessing timber damage and coordinating wildfire pre-suppression and initial attack planning in Louisiana.

Cowin (Kusicko): managing receiving and distribution operations at Barron Point Camp north of Gulfport, MS.

Whalen: managing a receiving and distribution center and assisting with a mobilization center at Bossier City, LA.

A Logistics Management Team (LMT) (O'Brien) is assigned. The Team is operating a base camp at Vancleave, MS. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service teams are engaged in road clearing, community assistance, and supporting search and rescue operations in Louisiana and Texas.

HURRICANE RITA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) in Austin, TX, is staffed with Emergency Support Function #4 personnel. A Planning Section Team is in place at the RRCC.

Seven Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Feser, Sandman, Lohrey, Bennett, Sexton, Custer and Molumby) are assigned.

Feser: supporting points of distribution from Hurricane Rita Support Camp at Brookeland, TX.

Sandman: managing a base camp and supporting several evacuee centers in San Antonio, TX.

Lohrey, Bennett and Molumby: A transfer of command from Lohrey and Bennett to Molumby's Team will occur. The Teams are jointly managing a base camp at Ford Park Arena, Beaumont, TX. The Teams are also supporting distribution centers and several emergency operations centers in three counties.

Sexton: managing a 500 person base camp near the town of Cameron (Camp Cameron) and supporting the Lake Charles Regional Staging Area and several distribution sites at Lake Charles, LA.

Custer: managing a base camp for utility crews at Kirbyville, TX.

Two Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Saleen and Quesinberry) are assigned.

Saleen: managing and supporting a receiving and distribution center and points of distribution at Jennings, LA. The Team will close out today.

Quesinberry: the Incident Management Team is in transit to the new base camp at Luftkin, TX.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
NEW KENTUCKY RD	TX	TXS	250	100	---	8	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI

TXS – Texas Forest Service

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

WOODHOUSE, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF), Riverside Unit. This fire is ten miles east of Moreno Valley, CA in grass and brush. Road closures are lifted. No further information was received.

BORDER #50, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF), Monte Vista Unit. A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Henson) is assigned. This fire is one half mile west of Tecate, Mexico, and extends into Southern California. Residences, businesses, cultural resources, electrical transmission lines, watershed and flume system are threatened. Extremely broken terrain with steep slopes and narrow drainages are impeding containment efforts. Active fire behavior with running and spotting was reported.

WAPAMA COMPLEX, Yosemite National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Hahnenberg) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, comprised of the Wapama, Harden, Laurel and South Fork fires is 20 miles northwest of Yosemite Village, CA in timber. This complex is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Structure protection remains in place for the Hardin fire. Fire behavior is limited to smoldering and burning in the heavy fuels.

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WOODHOUSE	CA	RRU	6,442	70	10/7	915	30	75	2	0	702K	ST
BORDER #50	CA	MVU	4,000	30	10/8	1,201	39	75	2	0	1.4M	ST
WAPAMA COMPLEX - WFU	CA	YNP	520	0	UNK	74	3	0	1	0	280K	NPS

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES

KING VALLEY, Kofa National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 40 miles northeast of Yuma, AZ in grass and brush. Bighorn sheep habitat is threatened. Fire behavior was minimal with creeping and smoldering reported. No further information was received.

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KING VALLEY	AZ	KGR	26,000	80	10/7	90	4	6	1	0	NR	FWS
OCTOBER - WFU	NM	GNF	106	0	UNK	4	0	0	0	0	NR	FS

GNF – Gila National Forest

EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
PA-PAS-042026	PA	PAS	600	100	---	44	0	10	0	0	NR	ST

PAS – Pennsylvania Division of Forest Fire Protection

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: An upper trough will be moving into the Pacific Northwest today. This will help to develop an onshore flow in California for cooler temperatures and higher humidity.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern California Sunny.	Mountains: 60 to 85. Valleys: 80s to 95. Upper deserts: 80 to 90. Lower deserts: 90 to 100.	8 to 15%.	Southwest 10 to 18 mph.
Eastern Great Basin Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Partly cloudy with scattered mountain rain and snow showers. Northern Utah: Mostly sunny. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Mostly sunny.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mountains: 50 to 60. Valleys: 58 to 70. Northern Utah: Mountains: 50 to 60. Valleys: 60 to 68. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Mountains: 59 to 75. Valleys: 75 to 85.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mountains: 50 to 65%. Valleys: 25 to 40%. Northern Utah: Mountains: 30 to 40%. Valleys: 20 to 30%. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Mountains: 22 to 35%. Valleys: 12 to 25%.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: South to southwest 8 to 12 mph, except west 10 to 20 mph with gusts in western Wyoming. Northern Utah: Upslope 4 to 8 mph. Southern Utah, AZ Strip: Upslope 10 to 20 mph.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

WILDLAND/URBAN INTERFACE WATCHOUTS

The primary consideration is to first assure firefighter and public safety. It is a must to assess potential fire behavior, ingress/egress routes, nature of the threat, hazardous materials, and available water supplies before engaging in the protection of any structures. The first step in conducting a safe operation is to assess whether the firefighting operations can be conducted safely.

● Consider the "Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts" in completing a risk analysis for the urban interface area to be protected. Remember there are three categories of structures:

- Those that are not threatened.
- Those that are threatened.
- Those that have already been lost or too dangerous to protect.

● Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts:

- Poor access and narrow, one-way roads. A rapidly spreading fire could trap apparatus and personnel before they can turn around or move away from the flames and smoke.
- Observe bridge limits. Exceeding bridge limits could lead to bridge failure with a resultant blocking of ingress/egress routes that could result in the loss of an escape route or loss of equipment.
- Inadequate water supply. Without a reserve supply of water, the fire can overtake an area before the fuels can be cleared away.
- Natural fuels are located 30 feet or closer to structures on level ground. Remember structures on slopes require greater clearance. Structures are located on canyon slopes or "chimneys" on slopes of 30% or more with continuous, flashy fuels. The resulting rate of spread of any fire in this terrain can quickly extend beyond control.
- Extreme fire behavior: Situations involving crowning, large flame heights and erratic fire behavior can extend in an unpredictable manner beyond the control of any number of personnel. Strong winds of 25+ MPH: Winds increase the chance of spotting over the heads of firefighters and trapping them between both fire areas. Winds also cause greater preheating of fuels in the path of a fire front.

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- The need to evacuate the public, livestock, pets, and/or animals. This critical activity can pull personnel from the firefighting activity and can distract attention from fire behavior at a time when the greatest alertness is needed.
- Propane and above ground fuel tanks that are next to wooden structures or close to vegetation
- Power lines and poles: What is their location in relation to the structures that are being protected? Watch for both overhead and downed power lines.
- Local citizens are attempting suppression activities. Lack of knowledge in fire suppression may lead to unsafe tactics.
- Airtanker retardant drops and helicopter bucket operations: Establish communications and keep fire personnel out of the drop zone.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						0	0
Northern California	FIRES	1				13	2	16
	ACRES	0				71	0	71
Southern California	FIRES					25	3	28
	ACRES					6,478	1	6,479
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					2		2
Southern Area	FIRES					20		20
	ACRES					110		110
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	0	0	62	11	75
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	6,661	1	6,662

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	4	96	59	16	404	28	607
	ACRES	4	1,917,880	1,633,875	3,409	849,051	337	4,404,556
Northwest	FIRES	176	233	29	38	1,384	878	2,738
	ACRES	28,097	42,534	5,797	122	73,872	99,953	250,375
Northern California	FIRES	154	31	10	15	1,981	482	2,673
	ACRES	247	24,898	14	101	26,143	8,320	59,723
Southern California	FIRES	123	115	13	55	2,500	658	3,464
	ACRES	1,283	5,932	136	74,222	43,044	9,946	134,563
Northern Rockies	FIRES	490	64	31	12	640	662	1,899
	ACRES	20,353	8,824	9,795	25	37,819	54,740	131,556
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	52	701	13	42	695	568	2,071
	ACRES	23,199	631,493	9	2,844	148,486	105,736	911,767
Western Great Basin	FIRES	9	503	19	26	105	114	776
	ACRES	3,069	881,997	13,312	258	113,843	18,065	1,030,544
Southwest	FIRES	1,553	358	39	52	1,310	1,469	4,781
	ACRES	34,712	159,007	9,639	364	129,977	416,407	750,106
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	284	487	30	22	602	521	1,946
	ACRES	6,874	8,857	553	30	30,509	23,681	70,504
Eastern Area	FIRES	595		36	54	10,354	563	11,602
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	963	67,700	9,977	87,486
Southern Area	FIRES	213		180	37	20,825	532	21,787
	ACRES	26,883		42,064	2,474	266,380	14,197	351,998
TOTAL	FIRES	3,653	2,588	459	369	40,800	6,475	54,344
	ACRES	151,835	3,681,422	1,716,926	84,812	1,786,824	761,359	8,183,178

Ten Year Average Fires	69,513
Ten Year Average Acres	4,522,896

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		2				12	14
	ACRES		2				379	381
Northern California	FIRES			0	1		1	2
	ACRES			5	188		129	322
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			3	0	4
	ACRES		698			7	2	707
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1,350	1,350
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0				1	1
	ACRES		84				82	166
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	3	0	1	3	18	25
	ACRES	0	784	5	188	7	1,942	2,926

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					626		626
Northwest	FIRES	18	113	87	3	1	255	477
	ACRES	5,651	26,654	4,758	265	1	20,899	58,228
Northern California	FIRES	12	23	142	31		183	391
	ACRES	188	1,180	25,800	3,325		19,342	49,835
Southern California	FIRES	1	5	6	18		80	110
	ACRES	1,000	282	584	3,856		6,824	12,546
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	35	108	4	36	338	530
	ACRES	495	4,817	24,014	103	2,491	39,482	71,402
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	36	5	10	18	74	144
	ACRES	1	18,743	1,459	58	1,482	20,596	42,339
Western Great Basin	FIRES		14	11	3		2	30
	ACRES		6,418	3,461	348		2,903	13,130
Southwest	FIRES	8	47	2	12		304	373
	ACRES	6,342	52,110	3,210	17,697		81,032	160,391
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	47	104	19	25	114	339
	ACRES	3,871	22,134	20,684	11,251	4,857	36,130	98,927
Eastern Area	FIRES	44		484	36	1,123	180	1,867
	ACRES	17,741		68,717	4,423	70,174	39,779	200,834
Southern Area	FIRES	34		157	58	404	1,119	1,772
	ACRES	7,180		83,558	54,868	270,630	901,702	1,317,938
TOTAL	FIRES	157	320	1,106	194	1,611	2,649	6,037
	ACRES	42,469	132,338	236,245	96,194	350,261	1,168,689	2,026,196

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			2	13			15
	ACRES			27,225	141,624			168,849
Northwest	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				2		36,750	36,752
Northern California	FIRES				3		5	8
	ACRES				441		1	442
Southern California	FIRES				14		15	29
	ACRES				9,056		2,331	11,387
Northern Rockies	FIRES				10		95	105
	ACRES				55		63,914	63,969
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3		3		96	102
	ACRES		183		166		84,872	85,221
Western Great Basin	FIRES		9		1			10
	ACRES		1		140			141
Southwest	FIRES	1			2	1	41	45
	ACRES	3,680			9,356	5	105,968	119,009
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		34		5	2	9	50
	ACRES		2,581		1	1,762	2,819	7,163
Eastern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						11	11
Southern Area	FIRES				13			13
	ACRES				3,641			3,641
TOTAL	FIRES	1	46	2	65	3	264	381
	ACRES	3,680	2,765	27,225	164,482	1,767	296,666	496,585

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES LAST WEEK	HECTARES LAST WEEK	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	17	72	935	34,954
Yukon Territory	0	0	82	187,438
Alberta	5	2	1267	60,510
Northwest Territory	1	431	260	224,526
Saskatchewan	0	0	320	213,523
Manitoba	0	0	245	72,680
Ontario	88	36	1915	42,310
Quebec	31	294	1363	833,560
Newfoundland	0	0	144	21,429
New Brunswick	1	0	304	249
Nova Scotia	17	5	292	511
Prince Edward Island	0	0	10	42
National Parks	2	0	92	36,325
Total	162	840	7,229	1,728,058

Weekly updates will be provided starting 9/7/05.

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska							0			
Northwest	3		6		1		1			
Northern California	8		21				1			
Southern California	14	60	29	125	5	1	12		38	147
Northern Rockies							0		5	
Eastern Great Basin			9	1	3		1			
Western Great Basin							0			
Southwest	2	2	5	1		1	0		11	2
Rocky Mountain			7	2			0		2	8
Eastern Area	1		3	15	3	1	0		129	45
Southern Area	1						2			1
Total	29	62	80	144	12	3	17	0	185	203

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